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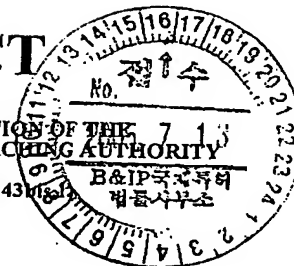
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-35	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-35	YES
	Claims	None	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-35	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: JP 9170246

D2: JP 7018664

D3: US 4480704

I . Novelty

The present application relates to a boring system which includes a bit unit for boring the ground, a connecting rod connected with a driving device for transmitting driving force to the bit unit, and a guide unit connected with the connecting rod in a longitudinal direction, the guide unit guiding movement of the bit unit along a guide groove which is formed in a casing inserted into an adjacent boring hole in a longitudinal direction.

D1 relates to a twin auger drive device which is composed of two auger drive devices juxtaposed with each other with a spacer therebetween, having their upper and lower parts coupled together by means of attachments. D2 relates to a rotary joint for an underground boring machine which is constituted of a bearing section lifted or lowered together with a power device section while its rotation is restricted by the power device section of the underground boring machine or a leader mast and a connecting shaft section rotatably inserted and held by the bearing section. D3 relates to a reamer, used in earth boring by the rotary method, which includes a body having a plurality of sockets in its outer periphery. And a roller in the reamer is rotatably mounted on the shaft with the inner periphery of the roller and the outer periphery of the shaft providing bearings for the roller.

D1 through D3 disclose no guide unit guiding movement of the bit unit along a guide groove which is formed in a casing inserted into an adjacent boring hole in the longitudinal direction, which is disclosed in claim 1, 18 and 35 of the present application. Therefore, claim 1 meets the requirement of PCT Article 33(2). Since claims 2 through 17 are dependent on claim 1 and claims 19 through 34 on claim 18, they also meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(2).

II . Inventive Step

Claim 1 through 35 features a boring system and method advantageously prevent gap between boring holes when boring a plurality of boring holes in the ground by inserting a casing into an adjacent boring hole with grooved guides. Consequently, the boring system and method of the present application does not require an additional working for filling a gap formed between the adjacent piles in order to preventing water leaks in the underground when forming a wall for blocking soil or water.

None of D1 through D3 disclose the technical features defined in claim 1 through 35. In addition, said technical features would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art. Therefore, claim 1 through 35 meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(3).